Damage to Fence in J&K by Snowfall

3603. SHRI RAJKUMAR DHOOT:
SHRI DATTA MEGHE:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is feared that the newly erected fence in Jammu and Kashmir to prevent infiltration from across the border may have been damaged due to unprecedented snowfall in the region;

(b) if so, whether the Army has inspected the fencing to assess the damage during the recent spell of heavy snow in the State: and

(c) the outcome of the inspection of the fencing along the LoC in Jammu and Kashmir and measures taken to repair the damage?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE): (a) to (c) The fencing on Line of Control has come under snow at various places due to heavy snow fall in Jammu and Kashmir in the month of February 2005. The assessment of the damage after the snowfall is a continuous process and repairs undertaken keeping in view the extent of the damage.

Indo-Pakistan joint survey of boundary pillars of Sir Creek

3604. SHRIMATI N.P. DURGA. Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is true that India and Pakistan have agreed for setting up of a joint survey team to survey the boundary pillars of Sir Creek;

(b) if yes, the details thereof;

(c) whether the team which was supposed to submit its report in January, 2005, has submitted its report; and

(d) if so, what are the recommendations made by the survey team?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE): (a) to (d) Following a meeting between External Affairs Minister Shri K. Natwar Singh and Foreign Minister of Pakistan, Khurshid M. Kasuri, on September 8,2004, both sides announced their agreement to conduct a joint survey

of the boundary pillars of the International Boundary in Sir Creek area. The Joint Survey took note of the position of the existing pillars. This was followed by a meeting of the two sides at Wagah in February 2005 where processing of the field data collected during the Joint Survey to determine the Coordinates of the existing pillars was completed.

Disappearance of DRDO Architect with maps

†3605. SHRIMATI MAYA SINGH: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that recently an architect working in the Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) in Dehradun, Uttaranchal disappeared suddenly and it is apprehended that he has escaped with maps; and

(b) if so, the facts in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE): (a) No, Sir. There is no architect working in the laboratories of DRDO at Dehradun and there is no disappearance of any such official.

(b) Does not arise.

Supply of US arms to Pakistan

3606. DR. AKHILESH DAS:
DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY:
DR. KARAN SINGH:
SHRI R.K.ANAND:
SHRI HARISH RAWAT:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to US Government's recent decision to provide a new package of supplies of US arms to Pakistan including P-3C Orion Surveillance aircraft TOW-2 missiles and Phalnex gun system;

(b) if so, the details of the arms and aircraft to be supplied by US to Pakistan; and

† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.